I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplin Chavis provided the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Bencini led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bencini called the meeting to order at 5:52 PM.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Resolution Honoring the Career and Service of the Congressman Howard Coble

Commissioner Shaw shared that it was her honor to present Congressman Howard Coble with a resolution honoring his long career in the House of Representatives. Shaw then read the resolution honoring Coble and thanked him for his service.

The Commissioners greeted Coble and commended him for his service. Congressman Coble thanked the Board for honoring him with the resolution, and reflected on his years of service.
B. Kids, Cans & Ca$h-Guilford County's Elementary School Recycling Challenge Presentation

Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director, introduced Mark Baker with Republic Services and thanked him for his support of the Kids, Cans & Cash program.

Baker shared that Republic started the program nine years ago, with 30% of its customers recycling and now over 82% do so. Baker thanked the Board for their support of the program.

Commissioner Coleman thanked Mr. Baker for all of his community service.

Bell then updated the Board on the upcoming Summerfield Fall-Summer Cycle event.

C. Proclamation recognizing the North Carolina Cooperative Extension on their hundred years of service to the State

Commissioner Cashion read the proclamation recognizing the North Carolina Cooperative Extension on their 100 years of service to the State.

Karen Neil, Guilford County Extension Agent, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board. Neil then invited everyone to attend their celebration ceremony on Monday October 6th.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Justin McKinny, Greensboro, asked the Board to diversify its meeting invocation practices rather than utilizing a Board Chaplin.

Chris Smoot, Mcleansville, shared that he was an avid hiker and horseback rider and encouraged the Board to develop riding trails at Bryan Park which could be used by all County residents.

Melissa Strickland, Greensboro, spoke to the benefits of the equine industry in the County and urged Commissioners to retain ownership of Bryan Park to ensure that trails would be available for riding enthusiasts.

Carol Louie, Stokesdale, asked the Board to keep Bryan Park- a County managed facility.

Andy Stevens, Greensboro, shared his opposition to the quarter cent sales tax referendum.

Peggy Ferebee, Summerfield, encouraged Commissioners to retain the Bryan Park property and shared her support for the development of improved riding trails at the facility.

Lynn Bency, Greensboro, expressed his opposition to the Constitutional Amendment which would allow a defendant the ability to waive their right to a jury trial in the State.

Mittie Smith, Esq. Greensboro, spoke against the proposed constitutional amendment and asked the Board to work to raise awareness about the issue.
Commissioner Davis stated that the Board would consider a resolution opposing the constitutional amendment under New Business and reiterated the value of Bryan Park to the equine community- as adequate riding trails are difficult to find in the area.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. Approve an increase to the FY 2015 Health and Human Services Department (Public Health Division) of $10,582 as detailed below:

   a. Approve a $10,582 increase in Appropriated Fund Balance (March of Dimes 2014 Community Grant) carryover funds from FY 2014 for Centering Pregnancy. The Centering Pregnancy Model focuses on prenatal assessment, education and peer support in a group environment. This grant enables our obstetrical patients to experience this advanced services delivery model that helps to assure better birth outcomes, lower infant mortality and more patient education for mothers. The grant funding period is 02/15/2014-01/31/2015. Total award amount is $37,980. These funds will be used for operational expenses to support Centering Pregnancy activities.

   The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

   **BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**
   General Fund
   Increase Appropriation
   Public Health $10,582
   Increase Appropriated Fund Balance $10,582

2. a. Approve receipt of the 2014 Governor's Highway Safety Grant for the Law Enforcement Liaison Program in the amount of $20,000 and endorse the required RESOLUTION.

   b. Increase the 2015 Law Enforcement budget by $20,000 to reflect the appropriation of the 2014 Governor's Highway Safety Law Enforcement Liaison Program Grant. The Law Enforcement Liaison Program grant funds are used for the region wide coordination of the Booze It / Lose It and Click It & Ticket campaigns. This includes providing for training, incentives, quarterly meetings as well as purchasing radars and aircards. Funds will also be used to provide for an annual retreat and meeting as well as training cost for the liaison. NO LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

   The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

   **BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**
   General Fund
   Increase Appropriation
   Law Enforcement $20,000
   Increase Federal / State Revenue $20,000
3. a. Approve receipt of the 2014 Governor's Highway Safety Grant for the Bike Safe Program in the amount of $10,000 and endorse the required RESOLUTION.

b.) Increase the 2015 Law Enforcement budget by $10,000 to reflect the appropriation of the 2014 Governor's Highway Safety Bike Safe Program Grant. This includes for the region wide coordination of Bike Safe Programs. This includes providing training, and various training / travel costs for the coordinator. NO LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

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4. a. Approve receipt of the 2014 Governor's Highway Safety Grant for one radar (speed monitoring) trailer in the amount of $12,000 and endorse the required RESOLUTION.

b. Increase the 2015 Law Enforcement budget by $12,000 to reflect the appropriation of the 2014 Governor's Highway Safety Radar Grant. This includes the purchase of one radar (speed monitoring) trailer. A LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED and was not initially included in the FY 2015 Law Enforcement budget. The required local match totals $3,000, with the department planning to cover by reallocating funds within the existing FY 2015 budget. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

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B. **CONTRACTS**

1. Approve purchase of EMC DataDomain from Varrow, a NC state approved vendor (based on NC State contract # 204J) for the amount not to exceed $114,224. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

C. **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Adopt a standardized Memorandum of Agreement for Special Events within the Guilford County Parks system.

2. Approve the following sets of County Commissioner's Meeting Minutes: 09/05/2014 - Work Session 09/18/2014 - Work Session 09/18/2014 - Regular Meeting
Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Branson, and seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp to approve the consent agenda.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 9 – 0.
**NOES:** None.

Chairman Bencini recognized Commissioner Coleman regarding a matter of old business from the September 18, 2014 Board meeting. With no opposition from any Board members, the item was added to the agenda.

**Review of the Personnel Regulation Changes-Addendum 11.1 Special Pay Provisions.**

Commissioner Coleman commented that at a work session on July 13, 2013 the Board had voted to provide employees who serve the County as interim department directors with an 8.5% raise. Coleman noted that at the September 18th Commissioners meeting, the Board approved updates to the County’s personnel regulations. Coleman shared that Regulation 11.1 stated that employees-who serve in interim director position- may be eligible for a salary adjustment. Coleman opined that the updated regulation seems to be inconsistent with past Board policy.

Mark Payne, County Attorney, explained that it was within the Board's discretion to clarify and reaffirm previous actions.

Commissioner Coleman spoke to the importance of discussing the Personnel Regulations and disseminating the information to County employees.

Commissioner Branson asked when the temporary adjustment provided to interim directors would be revoked.

Marty Lawing, County Manager, replied that a former interim director’s pay would be adjusted during the next pay period once the position had been permanently filed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Davis to approve affirming the Board’s past decision to grant interim directors an 8.5% increase raise-during their interim service.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 9 – 0.
**NOES:** None.

**VII. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS**

**A. Approve appointment of Human Services Advisory Committee Members**

Chairman Bencini recognized Vice Chairman Henning and Commissioner Coleman to discuss making appointments to the Health and Human Services Advisory Board.
Commissioner Coleman stated that the Board needed additional time to make the appointments, in order to identify designated seats. Coleman asked Commissioners to consider appointing the majority of the advisory Board at one time rather than sporadically.

Vice Chairman Henning added his concurrence that it would be a good strategy to appoint all the members to the consolidated advisory board at one time.

Commissioner Trapp shared that the Board’s membership needed to be in place by October 16th.

Chairman Bencini asked Commissioners to have appointments ready for the October 16th BOC meeting.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Approve continuation of the UHC Medicare Advantage Plan for 2015, at a premium of $203.12 ($193.68 for 2014 - increase of approximately 4.3%). With the exception of annual prescription drug formulary application changes that were made necessary by Medicare, all plan terms will remain the same. No copayments, deductibles or coinsurance will increase.

Commissioner Phillips commented that he wanted to table the motion until the next scheduled work session.

Commissioner Coleman replied that she would not be able to attend the next meeting; however, as she raised the issue-asked the Board to schedule the work session for another day.

Vice Chairman Henning questioned the timeline regarding the issue.

Lawing responded that the Board needed to address the issue before October 20th.

The Board then set a work session for Monday, October 13th at 4:00PM to consider the matter.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Vice Chairman Hank Henning to approve tabling the consideration of the UHC Medicare Advantage Plan for 2015, at a premium of $203.12 ($193.68 for 2014 - increase of approximately 4.3%), until Monday October 13th at 4:00 PM.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 9 – 0.


**NOES:** None.

B. New Business from County Commissioners

1. a. Proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month;

Commissioner Cashion invited all of the community partners associated with the Family Justice Center to come forward as she read the Proclamation Proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Cashion reported to the partners that the Board approved the funding request, associated with
agenda item, during their work session earlier in the afternoon and thanked the Commissioners for their efforts in moving forward with the project.

Commissioner Davis thanked Cashion for her advocacy and commitment to the Center.

Commissioner Shaw commended Cashion for her work and shared her support for the project.

Commissioner Coleman expressed her apperception for Cashion’s efforts.

Chairman Bencini applauded Cashion’s work in establishing the Center.

Commissioner Cashion thanked the Board for their support and shared that the project had been a collaborative effort between the County and local partners. Cashion added that she was looking forward to working with all partner agencies- including the City of Greensboro to help meet the needs of the community.

Commissioner Phillips commended Cashion's efforts and commitment to make the project a reality. Phillips also thanked Catherine Johnson, Family Justice Center Program Manager, for her leadership and shared that he was looking forward to working with her in the future.

Vice Chairman Henning commented that he appreciated being a part of the process.

Johnson thanked the Board and Commissioner Cashion for their support of the Center.

2. Approve a resolution opposing the proposed State Constitutional Amendment (Senate Bill 399) which would allow individuals to waive their right to a trial by jury.

Commissioner Davis read the resolution opposing the proposed State constitutional amendment (Senate Bill 399) which would allow individuals to waive their right to a trial by jury.

Commissioner Coleman commented that the amendment would lessen the rights of citizens in the State. Coleman added that the proposal could permit corruption to enter into the judicial process and urged her fellow Commissioners to vote in support of the resolution.

Commissioner Davis commented that the amendment would have a long term negative impact on the State, if passed, and expressed concerns that the Legislature placed the measure on the ballot without any discussion. Davis added that youth and others with a limited understanding of the judicial system could be disproportionately impacted by the amendment.

Commissioner Shaw expressed her hope that the community would educate themselves on the amendment and urged residents in the County to oppose the amendment in November.

Commissioner Cashion raised concerns regarding the consideration and added that as North Carolina continues to treat 16 and 17 year olds as adults- youth in the State could be unduly impacted by the proposal. Cashion shared that due to this threat- the measure should be opposed.
Commissioner Phillips commented that the jurisdictions that have implemented the change have not seen the expected savings and expressed his support for the resolution and thanked Ms. Schlup for bringing the issue to the Board’s attention.

Vice Chairman Henning echoed his support for the resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Davis to approve a resolution opposing the proposed State Constitutional Amendment (Senate Bill 399) which would allow individuals to waive their right to a trial by jury.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 9 – 0.


**NOES:** None.

**IX. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Coleman moved that the Board appoint Michael J. Reynolds to the Tourism Development Authority.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw to appoint Mike J. Reynolds to the Tourism Development Authority.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 9 – 0.


**NOES:** None.

**Tourism Development Authority**

Michael J. Reynolds (term expiring 10/2/2017)

Commissioner Davis expressed concerns regarding the failure of the High Point Cable Provider to offer sound during the transmission of the televised Commissioners meetings.

Commissioner Phillips addressed other technical issues regarding live streaming of the meeting.

The Commissioners requested that Clerk to the Board Robin Keller address the issues.

Commissioner Trapp shared that he attended the installation of Dr. Rosalind Fuse-Hall as the 17th President of Bennett College. Trapp also updated the Board regarding the Social Services mobile food truck which is providing provisions to food deserts located in the County.

Commissioner Branson commended the Parks and Recreation staff and the Open Space Committee on their efforts to secure an AmeriCorps grant which will help to develop new trails on County preserve properties. Branson commented that Guilford County was selected as one of 14 jurisdictions in the Nation to be awarded the grant.
Commissioner Shaw thanked the County staff for acquiring the new meeting room chairs and asked that future resolutions be signed by both the Chairman and the presenting Commissioner. Shaw then congratulated "Susie" who had received the National Hero Dog award.

Commissioner Cashion recounted a recent volunteer experience cleaning gravestones of veterans with community members to commemorate the 9/11 attacks.

X. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

Lawing informed the Board regarding upcoming interviews for the vacant County Extension Director position and invited Commissioners an opportunity to participate. Lawing then confirmed that the work session was set for Monday, October 13th at 4:00 PM.

XI. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Andy Stevens urged the Board to consider allowing concealed weapons in all County properties.

Ms. Schlup, Summerfield, thanked the Board for placing the resolution regarding the upcoming constitutional amendment on their meeting agenda.

XII. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSIDERING A BUSINESS LOCATION OR EXPANSION.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw, and seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11 for the purposes of considering a business location or expansion.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.
NOES: None.

Meeting went into Recess at 7:50 PM. Meeting Reconvened at 8:34 PM.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bruce Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp to set two public hearings regarding possible economic incentives.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioners L. Shaw, C. Coleman.

XIII. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:35 PM.

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Deputy Clerk

Chairman